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# Role of miR-182 in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases

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The treatment of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases have undergone major advances in recent decades, allowing for a more effective prevention of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events. However, cardiac and cerebral atherothrombotic complications still account for substantial morbidity and mortality worldwide. Novel therapeutic strategies are critical to improve patient outcomes following cardiovascular diseases. miRNAs are small non-coding RNAs, that regulate gene expression. Here, we discuss the role of miR-182 in regulating myocardial proliferation, migration, hypoxia, ischemia, apoptosis and hypertrophy in atherosclerosis, CAD, MI, I/R injury, organ transplant, cardiac hypertrophy, hypertension, heart failure, congenital heart disease and cardiotoxicity. Besides, we also summarize the current progress of miR-182 therapeutics in clinical development and discuss challenges that will need to be overcome to enter the clinic for patients with cardiac disease.

#### KEYWORDS

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### Introduction

An estimated 17.9 million people died from cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) in 2019, accounting for 32% of all global deaths. Among these deaths, 85% were due to heart attack and stroke (WHO, 2019). CVDs are disorders of the heart and blood vessels including coronary heart diseases, cerebrovascular diseases and other conditions. Early detection of CVDs is crucial to reduce the mortality rate associated with cardiovascular diseases. Despite the fact that early revascularization therapy and drug treatment promote cardiac repair after ischemia and improve the survival rate of individuals with myocardial infarction (MI), some patients still experience heart failure (HF) (Parikh et al., 2009). Identifying factors for more effective prevention and early diagnosis remains a challenge. The mechanism and risk factors that intervene in disease occurrence and development need to be better explored.

miRNAs are single stranded, small (approx. 22 nucleotides), and endogenous noncoding RNA (ncRNA) molecules (Kim et al., 2009), which bind to the 3'-UTR of target messenger RNAs (mRNAs) causing the suppression of gene expression at both the mRNA and translational levels (Bartel, 2004). The identification of miRNAs has opened a new window to an important area of biology that was previously unexplored, but it also has important implications in human development and disease. miRNAs are active participants in a broad array of physiological homeostasis and pathological statuses (Saliminejad et al.,

### TABLE 1 A tabulated summary of miR-182 involved in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases.

References Country	miRNA Expression	Target genes	Signaling pathway	Target cells/ tissues/ organs	Disease or phenotype	Intervention	Experimental setting	Species
Jin 2020	miR-182–5p	РАРРА	IGF NF-kB	HA-VSMC	CAD	Ox-LDL	In vitro	Human
China	Ļ		AKT ERK				111 VIVO	
Sun 2016 China <sup>(Sun et al., 2016)</sup>	miR-182–3p ↓	MYADM	ERK/MAP	Human aortic artery SMCs	Proliferation Migration	ADMA	In vitro In vivo	Rat Human
Bai 2021	miR-182	MYADM	BMP/SMAD1/ 5/8	Human PA- SMCs/ECs	PAH Proliferation	Hypoxia	In vitro	Rat Human
China <sup>(Bai et al., 2021)</sup>			TGF-β/ SMAD2/3		Migration	TGF-β	In vivo	
Sun 2020 China <sup>(Sun et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182-3p	MYADM	KLF4/p21	PASMCs	РАН	МСТ	In vitro In vivo	Rat Human
Rancan 2016 Spain <sup>(Rancan et al., 2016)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Ν	N	Lung biopsies	Lung I/RI	Lung autotrans- plantation	In vitro	Pig
Li 2021 China <sup>(Li et al., 2021)</sup>	miR-182	XBP1	SIRT1/NLRP3	NCTC1469 cells hepatocyte	Hepatic I/R	H/R	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Chaudhari 2016 Germany <sup>(Chaudhari</sup> et al., 2016)	miR-182–5p ↑	Ν	N	hiPSC-CMs	Cardiotoxicity	Doxorubicin	In vitro	Human
Gryshkova2022 UK (Gryshkova et al., 2022)	miR-182–5p ↑	Ν	N	hiPSC-CMs	Cardiotoxicity	Anthracyclines	In vitro	Human
Taurino 2010 UK <sup>(Taurino et al., 2010)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	N	Ν	Plasma	CAD	Ν	In vitro	Human
Li 2020 China <sup>(Li et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	N	Ν	N	Hypertension	Ν	WGCNA	N
Zhu 2019 China <sup>(Zhu et al., 2019)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	N	Ν	Plasma	uLMCAD	N	In vitro	Human
Nováková 2019 Czech Republic <sup>(Nováková</sup> et al., 2019)	miR-182–5p ↓	N	Ν	Endomyocardial biopsies	ACR of heart allografts	Ν	In vitro	Human
Wei 2012	miR-182	FOXO1	CD3+T cell	GILs Cardiomyocytes	Heart allograft rejection	Ν	In vitro	Mice
US <sup>(Wei et al., 2012)</sup>	Î			Plasma			In vivo	
Wei 2017 US <sup>(Wei et al., 2017)</sup>	miR-182	FOXO1	CD4+T cell	Heart Splenocytes PBMC GILs	Heart allograft rejection	CTLA4-Ig	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Fang 2022 China <sup>(Fang et al., 2022)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	N	Ν	Plasma	CHF	N	In vitro	Human
Cakmak 2015 Turkey <sup>(Cakmak et al., 2015)</sup>	miR-182	Ν	N	Plasma	CHF	Ν	In vitro	Human
Jia 2016 China <sup>(Jia et al., 2016)</sup>	miR-182 ↓	Nogo-C	Ν	Heart NRCMs	MI Apoptosis	CoCl2	In vitro In vivo	Rat
Zhang 2018 China <sup>(Zhang et al., 2018b)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	CIAPIN1	Ν	Н9с2	MI Apoptosis	Нурохіа	In vitro	Rat

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Cui 2013 China <sup>(Cui and Yang, 2013)</sup>	miR-182 ↓	Ν	Ν	Brain	HIBI	MI	In vivo	Rat
Zhao 2019 China <sup>(Zhao et al., 2019)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	TLR4	TLR4/NF-κB/ PI3K/Akt	MSC-Exo RAW264.7 cells	I/R Macrophage polarization	LPS	In vitro	Mice
Alhadidi 2022	miR-182	Ν	Cortactin- Arp2/3	Astrocytes	Stroke Cerebral I/R	tMCAO	In vitro	Mice
USA (Alhadidi et al., 2022)	Î			Brain	Inflammation	OGD/R	In vivo	
Zhang 2020 China <sup>(Zhang et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	FOXO1	mTOR	bEnd.3 cells Brain	Cerebral ischemia Apoptosis	pMCAO OGD	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Yi 2017 China <sup>(Yi et al., 2017)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	iASPP	Ν	Neuro-2a cells Brain	Cerebral ischemia Oxidative stress	pMCAO H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	In vitro In vivo	Rat
Wang 2018 China <sup>(Wang et al., 2018a)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↓	TLR4	N	BV2 cells	Cerebral ischemia Inflammation	tMCAO OGD	In vitro In vivo	Rat
Qi 2020 China <sup>(Qi et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Ν	Ν	Plasma	Stroke	Ν	In vivo	Human
Ding 2023 China <sup>(Ding et al., 2023)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	Rac1	Ν	Astrocytes Brain	Cerebral I/R Inflammation	tMCAO OGD/R	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Hu 2021 China <sup>(Hu et al., 2021)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	TLR4	MALAT1/miR- 182–5p/TLR4	PC12 cells Brain	Cerebral I/R Inflammation	tMCAO H/R	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Lee 2010 South Korea <sup>(Lee</sup> et al., 2010)	miR-182 ↑	Ν	N	Ischemic cortex Neuro-2a cells	Cerebral ischemia	CAO OGD	In vitro In vivo	Rat
Deng 2020 China <sup>(Deng et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↓	BINP3	Ν	HT22	Cerebral I/R apoptosis	OGD/R	In vitro	Mice
Huang 2020 China <sup>(Huang et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Ν	N	Heart	Cardiotoxicity	Trichloroethy- lene	In vivo	Zebrafish
Zhang 2018 China <sup>(Zhang et al.,</sup> 2018c)	miR-182 ↓	HES1	N	Н9с2	CHD Cell proliferation Apoptosis	Нурохіа	In vitro	Rat
Li 2016 China <sup>(Li et al., 2016)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Bcat2	Akt/mTORC1	Heart NRCs	Cardiac hypertrophy Angiogenesis	PlGF	In vitro In vivo	Mice, Rat
Wang 2020 China <sup>(Wang et al., 2020)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↓	IGF1	CTCF/ SNHG16	NCs	Cardiac hypertrophy	Angiotensin II	In vitro	Mice
Zhi 2019 China <sup>(Zhi et al., 2019)</sup>	miR-182	N	N	Heart H2c9	Cardiac hypertrophy	Aortic coarctation	In vitro In vivo	Mice
Lee 2016 South Korea <sup>(Lee</sup> et al., 2016)	miR-182 ↑	BNIP3	Ν	Heart NRVCs	MI Apoptosis Fibrosis	MI Hypoxia	In vitro In vivo	Rat
Nemade 2018 Germany <sup>(Nemade</sup> et al., 2018)	miR-182–5p ↑	N	N	hPSC-CMs	Cardiotoxicity	Etoposide	In vitro	Human

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Zhang 2018 China <sup>(Zhang et al., 2018a)</sup>	miR-182–5p ↑	Ν	GAA/PTEN/ PI3K/AKT	Н9с2	MI	Нурохіа	In vitro	Rat
Wang 2018 China <sup>(Wang et al., 2018b)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Ν	N	Heart	Spontaneously hypertension	N	In vivo	Rat
Ikitimur 2015 Turkey <sup>(Ikitimur et al., 2015)</sup>	miR-182	N	N	Plasma	Systolic HF LVMI	Ν	In vivo	Human
Zhirov 2019 Russia <sup>(Zhirov et al., 2019)</sup>	miR-182 ↑	Ν	N	Plasma	Acute decompensation of CHF	N	In vivo	Human

TABLE 1 (Continued) A tabulated summary of miR-182 involved in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases.

ACR: acute cellular rejection; ADMA: asymmetrical dimethylarginine; bEnd.3 cells: brain microvascular endothelial cell line; CAD: coronary artery disease; CAO: cerebral artery occlusion; CHF: chronic heart failure; FOXO: forkhead box proteins; GAA: Ganoderic acid A; GILs: Graft infiltrating lymphocytes; H/R: Hypoxia/reoxygenation; hiPSC-CMs: Human-induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes; HIBI: hypoxic-ischemic brain injury; I/R: Ischemia/reperfusion; iASPP: inhibitory member of the ASPP, family: LCCA: left common carotid artery; LVMI: left ventricular mass index; t/p MCAO: transient/permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion; MI: myocardial infarction; MYADM: Myeloid-Associated differentiation marker; MCT: monocrotaline; MSC: mesenchymal stromal cell; NCs: Neonatal cardiomyocytes; NRCs: Neonatal rat cardiomyocytes; NRCS: Neonatal rat ventricular cardiomyocytes; OGD: oxygen glucose deprivation; Ox-LDL: Oxidized low-density lipoprotein; PAH: pulmonary artery hypertension; PASMCs: Pulmonary arterial smooth muscle cells; PBMC: peripheral blood mononuclear cells; PIGF: placental growth factor; TAC: transversal aortic constriction; uLMCAD: unprotected left main coronary artery disease; VSMC: vascular smooth muscle cell; WGCNA: weighted gene coexpression network analysis.

2019) (Rupaimoole and Slack, 2017). It has been estimated that miRNAs may be involved in the regulation of 30% of the proteincoding genes in the human genome (Sasso et al., 2022). miRNAbased regulation plays an important role in some crucial biological and cellular processes, such as differentiation, development, proliferation, apoptosis, metabolism and signal transduction pathways (Osman, 2012). However, a single miRNA can bind to hundreds of target mRNAs depending on target specificity and individual mRNAs can also be regulated by many different miRNAs (Bartel, 2004) (Fabian et al., 2010). Thus, their mechanism of action varies depending on the type of organs and cells, and sometimes even depending on the different stages of the disease (Winbanks et al., 2014) (Hata, 2013) (McClelland and Kantharidis, 2014). The multifunctionality of miRNAs has been extensively investigated in a range of diseases, including cardiovascular and cerebrovascular disorders (Beermann et al., 2016) (Lee and Dutta, 2009) (Ono et al., 2011).

miRNAs can be grouped into families based on sequence conservation within the seed region (nucleotides 2-8) but may on different chromosomes (Bernardo et al., 2012). microRNA-182 (miR-182) is a miRNA that belongs to the miR-183/96/ 182 cluster and highly conserved in vertebrates. They are located within genes positioned within a short distance (~10 kb) on human chromosome 7q31-34 and mouse chromosome 6q A3, which are generated from a single primary transcript and have similar expression patterns (Xu et al., 2007). miR-182 is composed of two homologs miR-182-3p and miR-182-5p. It is highly expressed in mouse retina and inner ear hair cells, which has been identified in various cells such as osteoblasts, lymphocytes, and adipocyte (Stittrich et al., 2010) (Kim et al., 2012) (Friedman et al., 2009) (Dong et al., 2020). Currently, miR-182 is closely associated with the normal differentiation of sensory organs, the immune system, lymphatic vessels, bone, memory formation, the development of tumors, autoimmune diseases, depression, and metabolic diseases (Friedman et al., 2009; Dai et al., 2010; Saus et al., 2010; Stittrich et al., 2010; Kim et al., 2012; Yu et al., 2012; Griggs et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2013; Kiesow et al., 2015). And particularly, upregulated blood levels of miR-182 have been shown to be associated with prognosis in patients with chronic heart failure (Cakmak et al., 2015). New nano system which can efficiently deliver inhibitor of miR-182 into hearts can significantly suppress cardiac hypertrophy (Zhi et al., 2019). Additionally, the regulatory connections of ncRNAs, represented by miRNAs, long non-coding RNAs (lncRNAs), and circular RNAs (circRNAs), have been widely demonstrated to be involved in the regulation of gene expression and to affect multiple biological processes in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases. Some ncRNAs, such as lncRNA SNHG16 (Wang et al., 2020), lncRNA UCA1 (Chen et al., 2022), circRNA\_0008028 (Shi et al., 2022), and circ\_002664 (Liu et al., 2020), have been reported to act as significant regulators in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases by targeting miR-182. Some recent studies have also described the role of miR-182 in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases (see Table 1). Therefore, this review primarily focuses on miR-182 to discuss its role in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, and to explore the possibility of miR-182 as a potential diagnostic and therapeutic target for clinical treatment (Figure 1).

# miR-182 in atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease

Coronary artery disease (CAD) caused by atherosclerosis (AS) is a leading cause of death and morbidity worldwide (Knuuti et al.,



cardiomyocytes; HT22, mouse hippocampal neuronal cells.

2019) (Frostegård, 2013). The proliferation, apoptosis, migration, and differentiation of vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) play crucial roles in the pathogenesis of AS (Bennett et al., 2016). The role of oxidized low-density lipoprotein (ox-LDL) in the formation of foam cells derived from VSMCs, which act as one of the main risk factors for AS, has been extensively studied (Kattoor et al., 2019). In addition, asymmetrical dimethylarginine (ADMA), an endogenous inhibitor of nitric oxide synthase, is also directly affects VSMCs by influencing migration, apoptosis, and proliferation (Zhou et al., 2014). Studies have shown that miRNAs are involved in the detailed mechanism of how ox-LDL/ADMA induce VSMC phenotype change (Jin et al., 2020) (Sun et al., 2016). Of these, some clinical study have shown that dysregulation of circulating miR-182/miR-182-5p in patients with CAD or unprotected left main CAD by microarray profiling (Taurino et al., 2010) (Zhu et al., 2019). The expression of miR-182-5p was lower in the plasma of coronary atherosclerosis patients than in that of the healthy population. This approach may potentially provide a novel noninvasive diagnostic information and possible therapeutic targets in cardiovascular disease. miR-182-5p has been shown to inhibit the proliferation of vascular smooth muscle cells induced by ox-LDL by targeting pregnancy associated plasma protein A (PAPPA), further activating the NF-kB, PI3K/AKT and ERK signaling pathways (Jin et al., 2020). Furthermore, miR-182-3p was downregulated in

ADMD-treated human aortic artery smooth muscle cells (SMCs) both *in vitro* and *in vivo*, and contributed to SMCs phenotype change by activating the ERK/MAP signaling pathway through upregulation of its direct target gene, myeloid-associated differentiation marker (MYADM) (Sun et al., 2016). Recently, researchers from the Peking Union Medical College have also described that the miR-182-3p/MYADM axis either inhibits pulmonary artery SMC proliferation via a KLF4/p21-dependent mechanism, or balances the BMP- and TGF- $\beta$  signaling pathways in an SMC/EC-crosstalk-associated manner in pulmonary hypertension (Sun et al., 2020) (Bai et al., 2021). The ability of miR-182 in regulating multiple genes in signaling pathways makes it an attractive therapeutic target in AS and CAD.

# miR-182 in myocardial infarction and ischemia–reperfusion injury

Acute myocardial infarction (AMI) and subsequent ischemia/ reperfusion (I/R) injury are major causes of death and disability worldwide (Yellon and Hausenloy, 2007). Timely and effective myocardial reperfusion using either thrombolytic therapy or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is an efficacious treatment in clinical practice (Neri et al., 2017). However, the

process of reperfusion can induce myocardial reperfusion injury, which accounts for half of the final injury in AMI and contributes to many clinical complications (Moens et al., 2005) (Hausenloy et al., 2013). Currently, the exact pathophysiological mechanisms of I/R injury are not fully known (Simonis et al., 2012). Recently, a large experimental of evidence suggests that miRNAs are promising candidates to modulate the molecular and cellular processes involved in MI and I/R, including miR-182. Several groups have reported miR-182 targets implicated in cardiac apoptosis, including Nogo-C (neurite outgrowth inhibitor protein C) and CIAPIN1 (cytokine-induced apoptosis inhibitor 1). miR-182 levels were increased in the OGD/R (oxygen and glucose deprivation followed by reperfusion) model of H9c2 cells (Ren et al., 2019), but decreased by activating Nogo-C-mediated cell apoptosis (Jia et al., 2016). By targeting CIAPIN1, inhibition of miR-182-5p could also protect H9C2 cells from hypoxia-induced apoptosis (Zhang et al., 2018b). In addition, miR-182-5p has been shown to involved in the protective effects of ganoderic acid A (GAA) on H9c2 cells proliferation and apoptosis via regulating the mRNA and protein levels of PTEN and the PI3K/AKT signaling pathway (Zhang X. et al., 2018). In particular, transplantation of mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) or their exosomes has gradually become an attractive candidate for cardiac inflammation modulation. miR-182 could act as a master regulator of macrophage polarization via targeting TLR4 for a novel mechanism of the beneficial effect of MSCsderived exosome transplantation after MI (Zhao et al., 2019).

In addition to MI, I/R injury is also associated with a broad array of life-threatening medical conditions including organ transplant. Recent studies have observed that I/R injury causes dysregulation of miRNAs during organ transplants. Rancan et al. showed that the expression of miR-182 significantly increased and contribute to pulmonary artery hypertension vascular remodeling via targeting MYADM to regulate KLF4/p21 signaling pathway after I/R in pigs with lung auto-transplantation (Rancan et al., 2016). miR-182 has also been shown to regulate hepatic ischemia-reperfusion injury by activating SIRT1 through downregulation of its direct target gene, XBP1 (Li et al., 2021). A monocentric retrospective study of 38 patients with the anamnesis of acute cellular rejection (ACR) of heart allografts reflected that miR-182 was statistically significantly dysregulated in endomyocardial biopsies (with, prior to and after ACR) by Next-Generation Sequencing (Nováková et al., 2019). These findings demonstrated that a group of microRNAs were discovered to be changed in endomyocardial biopsies during I/R injury, and a diagnostic score based on their relative levels was developed for I/R injury diagnosis. miR-182 is known to regulate FOXO1 expression (Roser et al., 2018). Wei et al. performed microarray miRNA profiling in a murine model of cardiac allograft rejection and subsequently found that miR-182 increased in allograft tissues, graft-infiltrating mononuclear cells and plasmas (Wei et al., 2012). Moreover, in their subsequent study, CD4 + T cells were the main cellular source of miR-182 during allograft rejection, and miR-182<sup>-/-</sup> mice showed augmented allograft survival via targeted modulation of FOXO1 expression (Wei et al., 2017). These studies suggest that miR-182 could also serve as a potential therapeutic target, which delineates new and strong mechanisms for patients following heart transplantation.

Furthermore, it is also becoming recognized that inhibiting or restoring specific miRNAs has the potential to regulate other noncoding RNAs. miR-182-5p may bind to the 3'-UTR of BNIP3 (Bcl-2/E1B 19 kDa-interacting protein 3) to repress its high expression after I/R, which prevents excessive cell death triggered by pathologic conditions (Jia et al., 2020) (Bellot et al., 2009). Deng et al. found that RT-qPCR analysis showed lncRNA SNHG14 was highly expressed and promoted OGD/R-induced neuronal injury by inducing excessive mitophagy via the miR-182-5p/BINP3 axis in HT22 cell cell model established by OGD/R (Deng et al., 2020). Of note, a small molecule inducer of miR-182, kenpaullone compound 5, suppressed cardiac cell death and improved heart function by downregulating BNIP3 in I/R-injury rats (Lee et al., 2016). Given these key roles and functions of miR-182 in cardiovascular disease, targeting miR-182 may regulate complex biological processes as a potential therapy for disease. However, issues such as immune stimulatory effects, mode of delivery and offtarget effects pose a major challenge in bringing miRNA therapeutics into mainstream clinical practice. These concerns must be addressed in future studies.

### miR-182 in cerebrovascular diseases

There are many similar pathobiology and clinical manifestations between ischemic stroke and myocardial ischemia. Among the various underlying mechanisms of I/R injury, adequate regulation of miRNA levels may play a critical role in the prevention and treatment of I/R. In an observational clinical study, it was observed that patients with acute cerebral infarction and cerebral hemorrhage had significantly lower expression of miR-126 and higher expression of miR-182 when compared to subjects in the control group. Patients with mild conditions or good prognosis had higher miR-126 expression and lower miR-182 expression than patients with severe conditions or poor prognosis, and the combination of miR-126 and miR-182 showed better prognosis accuracy (Qi et al., 2020). The analysis of microRNA expression detected by microarray showed that the expression of miR-182 was downregulated in the rat cerebral cortex in left common carotid artery ligation models (Cui and Yang, 2013). A similar finding was also observed in BV2 cells with an OGD model, which showed miR-182-5p mimics attenuates cerebral I/R injury by targeting TLR4 (Wang et al., 2018a). Conversely, miR-182 was selectively upregulated after ischemic preconditioning in mice by transient occlusion of the middle cerebral artery (Lee et al., 2010), and stroke volume and neurological score were significantly improved by pretreatment with miR-182 antagomir (Alhadidi et al., 2022). Additionally, the expression of miR-182 was found to increase after permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion (pMCAO), and it exacerbated cerebral ischemia injury by targeting inhibitory member of the ASPP family (iASPP) or aggravated blood-brain barrier disruption by downregulating the mTOR/FOXO1 pathway in cerebral ischemia (Yi et al., 2017) (Zhang et al., 2020). The inconsistency with miR-182 expression level in patients with cerebrovascular diseases suggesting further work needs to be done to establish a greater degree of accuracy on this matter. The protective effects of propofol (PPF) and exosomes released from astrocytes induced by the OGD/R model with berberine pretreatment (BBR-exos) have been reported in cerebral I/R injury, and the expression of miR-182 is upregulated (Hu et al.,

2021) (Ding et al., 2023). The reason for the protective effect of PPF is that downregulated lncRNA MALAT1 increases miR-182 expression and suppresses the expression of TLR4, while the reason for the protective effect of BBR-exos is that highly expressed miR-182-5p in BBR-exos inhibits neuroinflammation by targeting Rac1. These findings suggest that targeting miR-182 could be a new therapeutic approach to address cerebrovascular diseases.

### miR-182 in cardiac hypertrophy and hypertension

Hypertension is one of the most prevalent chronic diseases (Mozaffarian et al., 2016). Maladaptive cardiac hypertrophy occurs as a consequence of persistent high blood pressure which is characterized by an enlargement of cardiomyocytes (CMs) and heart mass. Cardiac hypertrophy is a physiological response to physiological and pathological stimuli in hypertensive heart disease, MI, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, and other CVDs. Persistent cardiac hypertrophy ultimately leads to eccentric heart dilation, HF and sudden death (Norton et al., 2002). For decades, a growing number of studies have suggested that previously unrecognized mechanisms, including noncoding RNAs, positively or negatively regulate cardiac hypertrophy and hypertension. The researchers discovered that hsa-miR-182-5p was associated with hypertension through the use of weighted gene co-expression network analysis (WGCNA), which helped to improve the understanding of the pathogenesis of hypertension (Li et al., 2020). Specifically, rno-miR-182 was upregulated and associated with remodeling in aging (12 months) spontaneously hypertensive rats (SHRs) when compared with young (3 months) SHRs (Wang et al., 2018b). miR-182 had a similar expression trend in myocardial hypertrophy associated with myocardial angiogenesis which was induced by placental growth factor (PIGF) in neonatal rat cardiomyocytes (NRCs) and mouse hearts. Their mechanism of action newly identified miR-182 target Bcat2 and regulate the expression of Akt/ mTORC1 pathway (Li et al., 2016). Moreover, the expression of lncRNA SNHG16 was at a high level in the cardiac hypertrophic model induced by angiotensin II in neonatal mouse cardiomyocytes through repressed regulation of the miR-182-5p/IGF1 axis (Wang et al., 2020). New technologies such as cholesterol-containing nanocarriers, which can efficiently deliver inhibitor of miR-182 into hearts, have been developed. This nanosystem can significantly suppress cardiac hypertrophy in transverse aortic constriction (TAC) mice through miR-182 targeting FOXO3 and increasing its expression (Zhi et al., 2019).

### miR-182 in heart failure

Heart failure (HF) is considered an epidemic disease in the modern world and results in different, parallel developing clinical signs and symptoms. These signs and symptoms sum up to an unspecific clinical picture; thus it is urgent to explore invasive and non-invasive diagnostic tools to obtain accurate diagnosis, treatment and prognosis (Tanai and Frantz, 2015). miR-182 was shown to be upregulated in the sera of HF patients (stable, acute decompensated), and which may be a potential prognostic marker by ROC analysis and Cox regression analysis (Cakmak et al., 2015) (Zhirov et al., 2019). miR-182 was found to be inversely correlated with left ventricular mass index in symptomatic HF patients with systolic dysfunction (Ikitimur et al., 2015). Previous studies indicated that a low circulating BDNF (brain-derived neurotrophic factor) level was linked with a poor prognosis in cardiovascular diseases (Montone et al., 2021) (Yılmaz, 2019). A recent study showed a novel correlation between BDNF and miR-182-5 have been described in HF patients. The expression of miR-182-5p was upregulated and the BDNF level was decreased in HF patients. Moreover, miR-182-5p combined with BDNF predicted prognosis for better prevention in HF by identifying and following risk groups (Fang et al., 2022). These clinical findings suggest that down-regulating the expression level of miR-182 may help improve ventricular remodeling and prognosis in patients with chronic HF, but further study is required for validation.

# miR-182 in congenital heart disease and cardiotoxicity

Congenital heart disease (CHD) is one of the most common birth defects (Lage et al., 2012) (Diab et al., 2021). Genetic or chromosomal abnormalities, epigenetic factors, excessive alcohol consumption during pregnancy, the use of medications, and maternal viral infection in the first trimester of pregnancy are all risk factors for congenital heart disease in children (Diab et al., 2021). CHD is the leading non-infectious cause of mortality in newborns, especially cyanotic CHD (Rohit and Rajan, 2020). miR-182 was shown to be decreased in serum samples from patients with cyanotic CHD and overexpression of miR-182 in hypoxia-induced H9c2 cells that was associated with promoted cell proliferation and decreased apoptosis through targeting HES1 (Zhang et al., 2018c). Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a common environmental pollutant that is associated with congenital cardiac defects. TCE exposure induced heart defects and dysfunctions, and upregulated miR-182 in the hearts of zebrafish embryos (Huang et al., 2020). In addition, miR-182-5p was upregulated in human-induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes (hiPSC-CMs) that were exposed to doxorubicin, etoposide or kinase inhibitors (Chaudhari et al., 2016) (Nemade et al., 2018) (Gryshkova et al., 2022). These observations provide new evidence for an unexpected and sensitive role of miR-182 as a cardiotoxicity biomarker for screening novel drugs and environmental cardiotoxicity.

### Conclusion

Dysregulation of miR-182 contributes to the development of a variety of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, including atherosclerosis, CAD, MI, I/R injury, organ transplantation, cardiac hypertrophy, hypertension, heart failure, congenital heart disease and cardiotoxicity (Table 1). New insights into the involvement of miR-182 in the regulation of proliferation, migration, hypoxia, ischemia, hypertrophy and apoptosis have provided alternative ways to inhibit cardiac pathology with the potential for translation into the clinic. However, the same miR-182 members play different roles in different diseases and pathological processes. So, further researches on miR-182 in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases are needed. Targeting miR-182 function with inhibitors or mimics has become a viable option for the modulation of proteins and other miRNAs that are dysregulated

in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases. However, the therapeutic application of miR-182 in cardiovascular diseases is still in its infancy. Most studies have only observed changes in the expression levels of miR-182 in the serum of CVD patients, mainly focusing on CAD and CHF patients, and there is a lack of relevant studies on the further intervention of miR-182. What's more, some miR-182 family members have two sides in the role of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases. For example, inducing miR-182 expression by kenpaullone compound 5 can suppress cardiac cell death and improved heart function (Lee et al., 2016). Nevertheless, miR-182 is also a regulator of cardiac hypertrophy. New nano system which can efficiently deliver inhibitor of miR-182 into hearts can significantly suppress cardiac hypertrophy (Zhi et al., 2019). Therefore, it is essential to identify the optimal balance between their harmful and beneficial effects to maximize their therapeutic potential while minimizing their negative impact. In addition, there have been few studies on the delivery system of miR-182, and it is necessary to find a suitable miR-182 vector that can target our specific cells for precision treatment. Meanwhile, there is a lack of studies on long-term effects. Current studies mostly focus on the short-term effects of miRNA, and there is not enough evidence to prove that miRNA can have a sustained therapeutic effect on CVD. Optimizing the stability of miR-182, improving delivery systems, controlling off-target effects and targeted drug delivery remain hurdles that need to be overcome for future development of therapeutic applications of miR-182 in CVD. Based on the aforementioned limitations, in order to provide new preventive and therapeutic targets for the treatment of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases, more clinical trials translating animal experimental results need to be evaluated in future studies to evaluate the mechanism of the action of miR-182.

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